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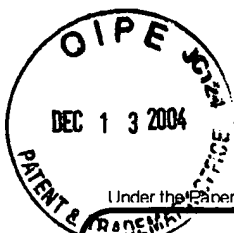
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	22	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
74	- 20	52	x 50.00 =	2600.00

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Indep. Claims	5	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

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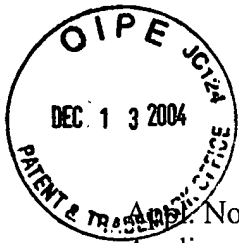
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are not being made in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not being made in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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